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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
YU ZHENG )  
Serial No.: Filed Herewith )  
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For: COLLAPSIBLE SUPPORT FRAMES )

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following preliminary amendments before calculating the filing fee:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the "Related Cases" section with the following:

--This is a division of co-pending Serial No. 09/286,800, entitled "Collapsible Support Frames", filed April 6, 1999, whose disclosures are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth herein.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

--22. (New) An object, comprising:

a support frame having a foldable frame member that has a folded and an unfolded orientation, the frame member defining a periphery for the support frame;  
a frame retaining sleeve for retaining the frame member; and  
a covering placed over but not enclosing the support frame, the covering being separate and removable from the support frame.